

## SPECULATORS BUSY BUYING OIL LEASES

Considerable interest and excitement is aroused in this vicinity as the result of offers that have been made to numerous ranchers for lease to the oil rights of their property, and the situation has attained the aspects of a miniature boom, it is said by those conversant with operations. The attempts to lease property has not been confined to one particular locality but is general throughout the valley and has given rise to the report that five or six rigs are ready to start drilling as soon as the capitalists behind the project have closed sufficient leases.

South of the California line, Siskiyou county is having a similar experience. Much property has been placed under lease there by oil prospectors. The Medford Oil company is sinking a well west of the Cascades and there is much discussion in technical terms in the Medford press regarding the progress and possibilities of drilling in that field, and considerable activity on the part of speculators seeking leases.

In the local field the only actual drilling so far is being done by the Klamath Oil company on the Manning ranch in the valley. The drill is down to about 900 feet and has passed through various formations, some highly indicative of the presence of oil, according to experts.

For the last month or so the crew has made little progress in drilling, having been engaged in reaming and casing the hole. Several weeks before a thin streak of paraffin was struck and it is said that the cable comes out of the hole covered with a film of oil and that there is oil on the water pumped from the well.

With this much to go on, if current reports of the drillers' progress are true, and with the present leasing activity pointing to interest on the part of capitalists with money to invest in a gamble as to whether or not an oily lake underlies Klamath county, the situation possesses potentialities and is being regarded with rapidly awakening interest on the part of the general public.

## MINT GROWER SEES BIG FUTURE HERE

John M. Davies, reputed before his recent disposal of his holdings to have been one of the largest, if not the largest grower of mint in the Willamette valley, returned today to his home at Independence, Ore., fully confident of the future of Klamath county as a mint producing center. Mr. Davies has been investigating local conditions for a few days and aiding Capt. Siemens, G. W. Mattern and James Watkins, Jr., to get their mint farm started by suggestion and advice.

So certain is Mr. Davies that Klamath marsh lands will supply the majority of mint within a few years that he announced he will return here and organize a company for growing mint on a couple of thousand acres, a scale heretofore unheard of. Mr. Davies' mint farm near Independence contained 125 acres, which, as has been said, ranked him as the leading grower of the state.

## BACK FROM S. F.

Judge and Mrs. R. A. Emmitt returned last evening from San Francisco, where they have been spending part of the winter months. The judge's friends suspect that he went there for the purpose of helping to decorate the civic auditorium for the Democratic national convention, in anticipation of the wake to be held there this summer. It is presumed that the color scheme consisted entirely of black. However, the judge was so glad to get back to his own fireside that he had no time to talk politics or anything gaudy except what a wonderful place Klamath Falls is to live in.

## WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Saturday, rain in west; snow in east; continued cold, strong westerly gales.

## REBELS ATTACK U. S. ATTACHE AND FAMILY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Apr. 2.—Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Campbell, United States military attaché at the embassy at Mexico City, his wife, and an American doctor named Paine, were attacked by rebels a few miles from Mexico City but escaped through "quick work and quickness of action" the state department was advised today. The attack occurred at Tres Marias, a small station near Mexico City where the attaché was going for an outing. The rebels dynamited the train and destroyed the track for some distance. The party escaped uninjured. The women of the party hid until the rebels left.

## MECCA PURCHASED BY PORTLAND MEN

W. Harris and J. Rohr of Portland have purchased the Mecca billiard parlor from F. J. Wilde and will take possession today. The new proprietors are both experienced in their line of business and will conduct a clean and up-to-date place of recreation and refreshment, following the lines successfully pursued by Mr. Wilde. Both are married men and as soon as they can find homes will bring their families to Klamath Falls.

Mr. Wilde expects to go into the hotel business at Malin, remodeling the old Kalina store into a first class hotel building. At present the hotel accommodations at Malin are inadequate. Mr. Wilde expects to put several thousand dollars into the venture and thinks that the patronage will completely justify the investment.

## ENTERPRISE WILL HAVE WATER BY MAY 15TH

C. D. Wilson, contractor, yesterday started work on the pumps and pumphouses for the new Enterprise irrigation district. The work is being done by special arrangement of the board of directors, which rejected three bids received in response to advertisement, on the ground that they were too high. Mr. Wilson was one of the bidders. The Baldwin hardware company has the contract for installing pumps and motors, which will probably be in place within 30 days.

Gale & Campbell, who resumed ditching work two or three weeks ago, have about two-thirds of the main canal completed, or about two and a half miles.

It is expected that water will be flowing in the ditches of the district not later than the middle of May.

## COUNCILMAN MOORE IS CRITICALLY ILL

Councilman Joe Moore is dangerously ill at his home on West Main street, though the reports from his bedside this morning are to the effect that there is a change for the better. His illness is due to the after effects of the influenza, from which he suffered recently. Believing that he had fully recovered he returned to his business Tuesday. Wednesday night he had a relapse and suffered from an acute attack of heart trouble. His host of friends will be glad to learn of the slight improvement he has made and hope for his speedy recovery.

## TEMPORARY BOND ISSUES CAN NOW BE CONVERTED

The Klamath State bank announces that the forms for the conversion of the temporary certificates of both Liberty and Victory loans into permanent certificates have arrived and holders of the temporary securities may convert them upon application to the bank. Owing to a delay in printing the forms were held up for several weeks.

## CHURCH WILL BE READY FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

Carpenters will finish installing the pews and pulpit furniture in the First Presbyterian church Sunday and the building will be in readiness for services Easter Sunday. The formal dedication will take place two weeks after Easter Sunday.

## WILL NOT WORK WITHOUT WAGE IS ADEQUATE

Freight is piling up at the Southern Pacific depot, as a result of refusal of freight handlers to work for the alleged meager wages paid by the railway company. Two men remain on the job and are making some headway against the situation today, aided by the fortunate circumstance that present freight movement is comparatively light. Only two cars arrived last night. Average daily receipts are five cars.

At that the freight handling force is far behind. Five cars remained unloaded this afternoon showing a gain over yesterday, when there were seven loaded cars on the warehouse tracks.

Four men constitute the freight handling crew under ordinary conditions and the burden imposed by the resignation of half the force swamped the remaining workers in short order.

Merchants who are eager to see their spring stock on the shelves and moving, raised a protest today through the Business Men's association, and urgent telegrams were sent the division superintendent demanding relief.

The highest wage received by freight handlers has been about \$3.90, which the workers claim is utterly inadequate. They point to the fact that the minimum wages in box factories is around \$4.75. The condition of discontent is not a new one. The freight shipments here are heavy and constantly increasing but the company has failed to keep pace with the growth of the community, the workers claim, and has asked four men to do the work that six should have been assigned to. In other words they claim that they work harder for less pay than employees of local concerns, and a general readjustment of the situation is apparently necessary before the freight service moves smoothly.

It is expected that the pressure brought to bear from various angles may relieve the situation in a day or two.

## NEW MILL FOR SWAN LAKE DIST.

A 50,000 foot capacity circular mill, in operation by the middle of May, is the plan of the White Pine company, a new corporation composed of local men, which has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state at Salem and commenced operations in the Swan Lake district. The men interested in the corporation are Leslie Rogers, John Morre and Charles L. Moore, local bankers, and Marion Nine, well known timber operator.

The mill building, a two-story structure, is already in course of construction. The timbers are being hauled from the Nine Bros. mill at Meadow Lake. Machinery for the plant has been ordered and is on the way here. The company, it is understood, has a \$50,000 capitalization.

Two miles of standard gauge railroad will also be built, extending the Ackley spur from its present terminus to the mill site and affording an outlet for the product over the Strahorn railroad.

## EASTER SERVICES AT MERRILL CHURCH SUNDAY

There will be a special program of services in Holy Cross church at Merrill next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Mrs. M. Giacommini has been rehearsing a choir for the last two months and indications point to grand Easter music as the result of their joint efforts. The Altar society is preparing to have the church in a beautiful dress of Easter lilies.

Father Marshall will conduct the service, using as his sermon theme, "I Know Christ Liveth."

## DIVORCE SUIT

Minnie Eiberger has begun suit in the circuit court for divorce against Otto E. Eiberger on the ground of cruelty.

## ELKS DEDICATE TEMPLE; HOLD INSTALLATION

The largest gathering of Elks that has convened here since the big celebration last year turned out last night for the ceremonies attendant upon the dedication of the local temple. The home of the local Elk herd had been in use for several years but had never been formally dedicated.

Nearly 200 members, from all parts of the county, witnessed the impressive ceremony which was conducted by past exalted rulers of the lodge. Wilson S. Wiley, district deputy grand exalted ruler, was aided by E. B. Hall, who acted as grand esteemed leading knight; C. F. Stone, acting grand esteemed loyal knight; P. O. De Lap, acting grand esteemed lecturing night, and W. O. Smith, acting grand exalted ruler.

The same officers conducted the installation ceremonies. Officers installed are as follows:

Exalted Ruler, G. W. Houston; Esteemed Leading Knight, C. A. Hayden; Esteemed Loyal Knight, M. P. Lavenik; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, P. M. Noel; Secretary, H. E. Momyer; Treasurer, W. P. Johnson; Trustee, L. G. Van Bellen; Tyler, A. F. Salficky; Representative to Grand Lodge, C. H. Underwood.

A feature of the evening was a patriotic address by H. M. Manning, dealing with the principles of Elkdom and their application to problems of Americanization. Special music was interspersed in the program. Following the ceremonies a light repast was served.

## GLEE CLUB WILL BE HERE NEXT MONDAY

Klamath Falls music lovers are expecting a treat April 5, when the University of Oregon Girls' Glee club appears at the Houston opera house. This is the first visit of the girls' club to Klamath Falls, although it is their sixth annual tour of the state.

There are 22 members of the club and they are making a big hit in the Willamette valley towns where they have already staged performances. Their repertoire ranges from classic to the latest jazz and contains a number of clever skits and parodies that strike the popular fancy wherever they have been rendered.

Members of the glee club will sing two special numbers at each of the following churches, Presbyterian, Methodist and Christian at the evening service Easter Sunday, announced the Rev. E. P. Lawrence today. The church service begins at 8 o'clock.

## SERVICES GOOD FRIDAY AND TOMORROW, CATHOLIC CHURCH

This evening at 7:30 the solemn services in commemoration of Christ's death will take place in the Sacred Heart church. Father Walsh will conduct the Way of the Cross and preach the sermon. Services will begin at 8:30 tomorrow morning and conclude the Lenten observance by mass at 7:30.

## ONE IRISHMAN WHO DON'T RECOGNIZE GREEN

CINCINNATI, Apr. 2.—An Irishman who can't tell green when he sees it was rejected for enlistment in the U. S. marine corps here today, for defective color vision.

James Patrick O'Hara, born in the County Cork, insisted on picking brown skeins of yarn when told to select the green ones.

"What color is the grass," ventured the examiner, "Isn't that green?"

"No," replied the color-blind Irishman, "its color is not green, people call it green because it is young and tender, but its color is brown."

## CANNED HER RINGS

AURORA, Ind., Apr. 2.—A diamond engagement ring and a wedding ring believed stolen last fall, were recovered at a dinner given recently by Mrs. William Heady, living near here, when she opened a can of fruit. The woman then recalled that she had missed the rings during the fruit canning season.

## WOULD ESTABLISH NEW REPUBLIC IN RHINELAND

PARIS, April 2.—According to a Mayence dispatch to the "Echo de Paris," a separatist movement is on foot in the Rhineland district of Germany. Supporters of the movement wished to see the district established as a separate republic, says the paper's correspondent.

## MASONS AND LADIES ENJOY BIG BANQUET

Scottish Rite Masons and their ladies dined royally at the White Pelican hotel last evening at the Easter convocation and feast obligatory of the local chapter, Knights of the Rose Croix. Not a local member was absent from the board and two visitors were present.

The beautiful ceremony of the closing of the lights was a feature that impressed all present. George T. Baldwin, deputy wise master and president of the local chapter, presided. Toasts were proposed with responses as follows:

"The President of the United States," W. A. Delsell; "Scottish Rite Masonry," L. L. Gahagen; "The Grand Lodge of Oregon," Emmett Magee; "The Ladies," C. J. Ferguson.

The speakers all dealt with their topics eloquently. Especial praise is given by fellow members to Mr. Ferguson's tribute to the fair sex, which they asserted was a fluent piece of oratory showing much familiarity with the subject.

The chapter was loud in its praises today for the courtesy and service extended by the management of the White Pelican. The banquet was a brilliant success and was followed by cards and dancing.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the ceremony "Re-Lighting the Lights," will be observed by the chapter at the Masonic temple. Attendance at this service is also obligatory upon all members.

## YOUNG FOLK MARRIED AT PRESBYTERIAN MANSE

Harvey L. Brown, an employe of the Klamath Department store, and Miss Agnes Willis, both well known young people, were married last evening by the Rev. E. P. Lawrence at the Presbyterian manse. They will make their home in Mills addition.

## WARREN HUNT HOSPITAL AMBULANCE ARRIVES

The new ambulance for the Warren Hunt hospital reached the city yesterday. The vehicle was brought overland from Los Angeles and during the storm last month was stalled on the Topsy grade with a broken axle. Considerable trouble was experienced in getting the axle mended, but after several false starts and renewed breakages during the last three days, the ambulance finally arrived.

## CAT SAVES LIVES OF NINE SAILORS

GRANGEMOUTH, Firth of Fourth, Scotland, Feb. 27, (By Mail).—Nine men of the crew of the American cargo steamer Lake Eliko were saved from drowning recently by the instinct of the ship's cat to swim toward the steamer in a storm and darkness when their small boat floundered at midnight between the ship and the shore. John Shortne, 33, a sailor, of Marlboro, Mass., and Glimmer Stroud, 17, mess-room boy, of North Carolina, were drowned.

The eleven members of the crew had been ashore on leave. They had with them the ship's cat. A storm began while they were ashore and, when they were some distance out on their return journey to the steamer, their boat capsized. In the darkness no one could make out the lights of the ship. Tabby, however, with her instinctive desire to get out of the water as quickly as possible, swam directly toward the steamer.

The men swam after her and nine of them reached the ship. The other two went down.

The Lake Eliko cleared from Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Holm, an Icelandic woman living in Canada, was the author of the first novel ever published in the Icelandic tongue.

## SENATOR AND CONGRESSMAN PROMISE AID

Senator Chamberlain and Congressman Hawley have acknowledged receipt of letters from J. H. Carnahan, commander of the local American Legion post, in which were inclosed copies of the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Business Men's association in regard to settlement of differences over the Upper Lake storage question, said Mr. Carnahan today. Copies of the resolution were sent all members of the Oregon delegation and Mr. Carnahan expects expressions of opinion from other representatives in due time.

Both Senator Chamberlain and Representative Hawley expressed approval and a desire to co-operate in any move for the reclamation of the remainder of the Klamath project. Mr. Carnahan also received a letter from the chairman of the national legislative committee of the legion at Washington, pledging support to any efforts of the legion in the matter.

The resolution, drafted by Mr. Carnahan and introduced by George J. Walton, local superintendent of the California-Oregon Power company at the last meeting of the Business Men's association, provided for control by the government of the waters of Upper Klamath Lake and storage and development by the government through building of the Link River dam. It urged upon Oregon legislators the necessity of effort toward securing an appropriation for that purpose. It also provided that no water should be used for other purposes until the 260,000 acres in the Klamath project had been supplied with irrigation water. In other words it made power a secondary consideration to irrigation, and would destroy any danger of control by the power corporation detrimental to the development of irrigation, a condition that opponents of the power company assert is existent under the present contract between the power company and the government.

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## PLATH-VIRGIL TRIAL PROGRESSING TODAY

The trial of the suit of Carl Plath against Mrs. Dollie Virgil, administratrix, continued by Judge Kuykendall yesterday after a jury had been secured, was resumed in the circuit court this morning.

Following are the jurors: W. W. Adams, W. S. Slough, T. B. Watters, A. M. Jamison, H. W. Straw, M. Motchenbacher, E. M. Chilcote, H. D. Wakefield, Fred Buesing, W. H. North, T. J. McCollum and Fred Noel.

Among other matters disposed of yesterday was the arraignment of L. N. Rahn, Swan Lake rancher, accused of wantonly injuring animals owned by Caroline Liskey & Sons by shooting them with a shotgun. April 7 was set as the date for entering a plea.

The case of Macleod against Rahn, an appeal by defendant from a \$60 justice court judgment, was continued to April 7.

The case of Edward Smith against Keno Power company, an action for \$2,000 damages for alleged personal injury, was dropped from the calendar on non-suit motion, for failure of the plaintiff to prosecute.

The case of B. E. Friem against G. T. Ingersoll was also dropped on motion of non-suit.

## STRIKE TIES UP N. Y. FOOD SUPPLY

NEW YORK, Apr. 2.—About 20 per cent of the railroad owned tugs, steam lighters which railroad representatives assert bring to New York 90 per cent of its food supplies, are tied up as a result of the marine workers' strike, according to an announcement of the railroad managers' representative today. The strike was called, the men assert, to maintain the eight hour day.